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| 1 X Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | | Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) | | | | | |
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- 1. Applicant's election of the Group II invention, claims 1-15 in Paper No. 4 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
- 2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 16-20 to species non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 16-20 have been cancelled.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed method of fabricating a bipolar semiconductor device which includes the formation of at least one collector contact post and at least one base contact post, wherein said contact posts substantially reaching emitter contact pad height.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner 4.

should be directed to Trung Dang whose telephone number is (703) 308-2548. The examiner can

normally be reached on weekdays from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

Wael Fahmy, can be reached on (703) 308-4918. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)

305-3432 or (703) 308-7725.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

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